to examine Conversion of Coal into Gaseous and Liquid Fuels, after considering recommendations of the various committees including Ghosh Committee, in their report submitted to the Government in May 1984, have recommended against the immediate implementation of a programme for producing synthetic fuel from coal on account of the high expenditure cost involved in such a programme.

There is no proposal under consideration of the Govt. to use alcohol in substitution of petrol or in admixture with petrol, as automotive fuel as the country is not deficient in this product.

Contract between India and France on Bombay High

1930. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Business Standard dated the 9th. July, 1984 to the effect that CFP of France is to extend its present 4 year contract for another 6 years with ONGC for Bombay High; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the new proposed contract?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) and (b) The present contract between ONGC and CFP of France for consultancy services in Bombay High is due to expire on 5-4-1985. No proposals for its further extension have been received from ONGC.

Foreign collaboration of Bharat Steel Tubes

1931. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Steel Tubes is to diversify in collaboration with Perstrup, which has been cleared by the Government;

(b) whether Bharat Steel Tubes is also collaborating with UK Scaffolding Company with the approval of Government; and

(c) what is the total paid-up capital of Bharat Steel Tubes and the names of Share|bond|Debenture holders holding more than Rs. 10 lakhs stock in the company?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGANNATH KAUSHAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have approved the proposals of Bharat Steel Tubes Ltd. for collaboration with M|s Perstorpab, Sweden, in connection with their project for manufacture of industrial laminates.

(b) No Foreign Collaboration application from Bharat Steel Tubes for Collaboration with M|s U.K. Scaffolding Co. has been received in the Secretariat for the Industrial Approvals during the years 1983 and 1984.

(c) The paid-up capital of Bharat Steel Tubes Ltd. is Rs. 45,00,000/- The following were three shareholders holding shares of the value of Rs. 10 lakhs or more:

1. Oriental Bank of Commerce
2. Oriental Fire & General Insurance Co. Ltd.
3. M|s Raunaq & Co. Pvt. Ltd.

There was one debenture holder namely Unit Trust of India holding debenture of value Rs. 10 lakhs and above. There are no bond holders.

Coal deposits in Darjeeling District

1932. SHRI BADRI NARAYAN PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are two coalmines with rich coal deposits at Bagrakote (Chuna-bhati) in Darjeeling district;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey and received the report thereof; and